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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Seung H. Lee

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the response filed on 14 March 2005, which has been entered in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-12 and 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Smulson (US 6,248,199).

Re claim 1: Smulson teaches a method for manufacturing cards with embedded microcircuits comprising a web supply roll (11) serving as a winding for providing a web sheet (12) having a microcircuits (14) connected to the antenna, a body comprising covering layers (35a and 35b), providing the microcircuits on a support sheet or web sheet, and extruding the covering layers immediately in contact with covering layers (see figs. 1-3; col. 3, lines 1-11, col. 3, line 60- col. 6, line 38).

Re claim 2: the web sheet comprises a chip having an antenna wherein the antenna serves as conductive grille,

Re claim 3: the web sheet having microcircuits through the dual extrusion die (18) for extruding the covering layers,

Re claim 4: the web supply roll providing the web sheet having the microcircuits continuously during the extrusion step by unwinding the supply roll,

Re claim 5: the method also comprising a cutting press (22) for cutting out the individual card (50) after cooling the sheet using the cooling tank (20),

Re claim 6: the punch press (22) for cutting the out the individual card is reference to the position of the microcircuits wherein such cutting out the card according to the position of the circuits serves as including detection of the functional means,

Re claim 7: the composite sheet (40) followed by the extrusion processing is printed with logos using a printing station (28) wherein such printing step serves as a depositing of a printed film on the sheet,

Re claim 8: the web can be a thin flexible polyester sheet, which is a dielectric material (col. 3, lines 1-11),

Re claim 9: the web sheet is pre-punched at the a punch station (13) to make apertures or opening (57) in the web wherein such apertures or opening for binding the upper and lower layers,

Re claims 10-12: the step of prior to extrusion of the upper and lower layers, the integrated chips (61) connected to the antenna coil (59) are dropped in the web sheet wherein the web sheet provide the continuously during the extrusion by unwinding the supply roll,

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Re claims 14-18: the wireless IC card having a central sheet or web sheet (12) for supporting the microcircuits and upper and lower layers are bonded through the apertures or openings (57), the upper and lower layers are obtained by extrusion, wherein the apertures or openings are located inside of antenna coil (59).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12, 14-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Seung H. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-2401. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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